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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Cheryl Juska

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>02/04 & 03/05</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The specification and abstract of the disclosure are objected to because of the recitation to “becking a dyed carpet” and similar language. Carpets can be “beck dyed” in a beck dyeing machine. However, it is believed the references to “becking” after the carpet has already been dyed should be “backing.” Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Said claim limits the carpet yarn to having a linear density of 200-240 g/m. A linear density as claimed is equivalent to a yarn size of 1.8 – 2.16 *million* denier. This translates to 100 yards of yarn weighing just under 50 lbs! Typical carpet yarn sizes range from about 500 to 8000 denier. While US 5,958,548 issued to Negola et al. teaches of a carpet yarn having a total yarn denier of 10,500 denier (col. 14, line 21 and col. 18, line 64), the examiner is not aware of any carpet yarns having a denier in the million range. Since the claimed linear density of the yarn is so far outside of the scope of convention,

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one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand how to make and use said yarn. Yet, applicant has not provided an enabling specification as to how to make and use (i.e., tuft a carpet) a yarn having a denier of 1.8-2.16 million denier. Therefore, claim 11 is rejected under 112, 1st paragraph as non-enabling.

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

6. Claim 11 is indefinite for the phrase “heat-setting twisted PTT yarns with a density of 200-240 g/m by use of a Superba.” First, said phrase is indefinite because it is unclear if the “twist” is equivalent or different to the “cabling” of the previous step.

7. Secondly, the values given for the density of the yarns are indefinite since 200-240 g/m would convert to 1,800,000-2,160,000 denier (g/9000 m), which is incomprehensible for a carpet yarn.

8. Thirdly, claim 11 is indefinite for the use of a registered trade name, “Superba.” Where a trademark or trade name is used in a claim as a limitation to identify or describe a particular material or product, the claim does not comply with the requirements of 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph. See *Ex parte Simpson*, 218 USPQ 1020. The claim scope is uncertain since the trademark or trade name is used to identify a source of goods, and not the goods themselves. Thus, a trademark or trade name does not identify or describe the goods associated with the trademark or trade name.

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9. Claim 1 is also indefinite for the use of the phrase “becking a dyed carpet.” It is unclear what applicant intends to encompass by the step since it is unknown what “becking” is, other than the use of a beck dyeing machine to dye a textile. Does applicant intend the step to be “backing” a carpet with an adhesive backcoat and/or a secondary backing?

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

10. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

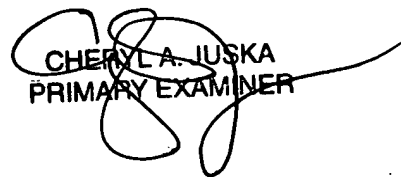
11. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the disclosed invention is inoperative and therefore lacks utility. The claimed linear density of 200-240 g/m is inoperable in the carpet art, because such a pile yarn would be impossible to tuft on standard machinery with conventional primary backings. Additionally, such a yarn would produce a carpet too heavy to transport. Therefore, said claims lack utility.

Conclusion

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Juska whose telephone number is 571-272-1477. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 10am-6pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Terrel Morris can be reached at 571-272-1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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13. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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